

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,560,147 to Bowdren and the rejection of Claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowdren in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,788,697 to Kilpela is hereby requested. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice as to the subject matter contained therein.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of cancelled Claim 1.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 6, and Claims 3 and 7 maintain their dependencies.

In view of the above, Claims 2-6 are in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

In view of all of the above, this application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (650/40735).

Respectfully submitted,

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